

## HERE'S A LITTLE Pointer for You

I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

G. M. Why should some people imagine that their beauty is all that is needed? Beauty is only skin deep and will soon fade.

Nesse. Be wise as well as discreet. Wisdom will soon develop itself as well as discretion.

R. L. T. It is the industrious girl that is not afraid of work. The only girl that will not work is the lazy one. Honest girls will work always.

D. L. You were informed last week of what was best to read during summer months. Good literature will improve your mind.

Disy. It is the woman with a stable mind that wins admiration and respect.

N. T. True nobility in a woman is often taken for false pride.

S. T. Think well and act wisely and you will never go astray.

R. O. You may not act always to please some people but honesty is bound to win admiration.

Jone. It is not wise to talk too freely to any one. You should be discreet in all things.

J. T. Be satisfied with what you have, you may lose all some day. Friends can stand some things some times, but not every thing all the time. Some people never see their mistake until it is too late.

Isabella. Never impose upon your friends because you will lose in the end. True friends will not impose upon each other.

Don't talk about your companions because others do.

Never show anxiety for an escort.

Don't go where you are not wanted, neither should you associate with your inferiors.

Think well and act accordingly.

Be true to your friends and never deceive any one.

Fresh girls are soon divorced.

Why should you displease your neighbor?

It is the noble girl who will not deceive.

Mable. True friendship is stronger than false love.

E. You should never put your momentary friends ahead of your true and devoted friends.

H. Be careful and watch those who pretend friendship.

Ollie. We kiss those whom we love and shake hands with our friends.

Sella. Don't allow sudden elevation change your disposition, neither should you allow false smiles influence you in the least.

Norah. It is the true hearted girl who speaks well of you and hides your faults.

False friends will flatter you and extend to you false wishes.

Nellie. Don't imagine that you are pretty because others tell you so.

Ira. Red hose denotes vulgarity and no lady of refined taste will wear them.

Ira. Flashy dressing will be seen on flashy girls. Dress with taste and in goods that are becoming.

D. M. There are birds that fly high and there is a time that they must come to the ground for succor.

O. T. Company is good sometimes but after it is all over count your losses and profits.

Delia. Don't go in anything unless you are benefitted.

N. T. If your condition is to be benefitted you had better marry. Don't marry for the name, the results are bad.

L. M. Divorces are numerous and marriages are frequent.

Nellie. Your friend, if what you say is true, can be trusted.

M. R. Your mother is your best friend and you should never desert her.

Nellie. Be truthful always and never be persuaded, by false friends.

L. T. It is always best to do what you think is best and never allow yourself to be influenced by others.

E. D. If you have an opinion of your own be sure to exercise it. It is best that you think for yourself.

Emma. Read good books while you are on your vacation.

Age Makes Brittle Bones.

The bones of aged people have more time in them than those of the young, and therefore are more brittle. This is the reason why a fall is apt to be more hurtful to an elderly person than to a young person.

Better Than Insecticides.

Electric lights, with basins of petroleum below them, are now used in France to destroy night-flying insects that injure vineyards. In one basin 4,508 insects were recently caught in one night.

## ADVENTURE IN MIDAIR.

Young Man Caught in a Balloon Rope Rises 3,000 Feet and Escapes Without Hurt.

Louis Ward, of Milford, Mass., aged 20 years, made an involuntary and thrilling acrobatic balloon ascension the other day. His left foot caught in the guy rope of a balloon and he was carried into the air and suspended head downward. After being carried up 3,000 feet into the air and directly across Hoag lake he landed unhurt 15 minutes later in a tree top a mile from the point where he went up.

Ward was assisting Prof. Hillman, a professional aeronaut, who has



SUSPENDED HEAD DOWNWARD.

been giving balloon ascensions and parachute exhibitions at Hoag park. Hillman's balloon, a massive hot air one, was being prepared for the afternoon exhibition, and Ward and others were assisting. Everything ready, the professor gave the word, the balloon was released, and swiftly mounted into the air with the professor hanging to the parachute.

Ward started to get out of the way as the balloon was released, but his left foot caught in one of the guy ropes, and, to the horror of the several thousand spectators, he was carried into the air suspended head downward. His weight held the balloon on its side, in danger of an immediate collapse and certain death to both men. Hillman acted quickly. Ward dangled from the balloon about ten feet above the aeronaut, and beyond his reach. If the balloon was brought to an upright position there was some chance for Ward, so, after a few words of advice as to how to secure himself and draw himself up, Hillman released the parachute when but 200 feet in the air and came safely to the ground.

The balloon, freed from this weight, righted itself and shot upward and across the lake, which is about half a mile wide. The balloon soon began its descent, coming down easily and gracefully, and Ward landed in a tree unhurt.

## HUSBAND IS A WOMAN.

Baltimore Widow's Heart and Hand Are Won by a Pretty North Carolina Girl.

Under a recent date a Chicago Chronicle correspondent writes from Baltimore, Md., that a week ago Mrs. Ernestine L. Rauck, a pretty young widow of North Eutaw street, married Herman G. Wood, who had boarded in her house for some



GIRL HUSBAND MADE LOVE.

months. At night the bride went to the house of Rev. Anthony Bilkovsky, who performed the ceremony, and in a hysterical manner informed the preacher that she had been married to a woman. The police investigated and the "groom" confessed.

The "groom" is Lydia Lota Sawyer, 22 years old and not bad looking. She was locked up on the charge of obtaining \$100 from Mrs. Rauck by false pretenses. In her confession Miss Sawyer stated that she belonged to a wealthy family residing near Elizabeth City, N. C. She left home five years ago, deserting an infant boy, it is said.

Disgrace and the fact that she could secure employment easily caused her to don male attire, and this she has worn for five years in this city without exciting suspicion. She made love to two women and jilted a Washington girl to wed Mrs. Rauck. Dispatches from North Carolina confirm the girl's story.

## Peculiar Breed of Hogs.

A peculiar breed of hogs has for years been raised by Ike Lawrence, of Putnam county, Ga. His hogs are not of the cloven-footed species, but all have hoofs like a horse.

## THE RUBBER LARYNX

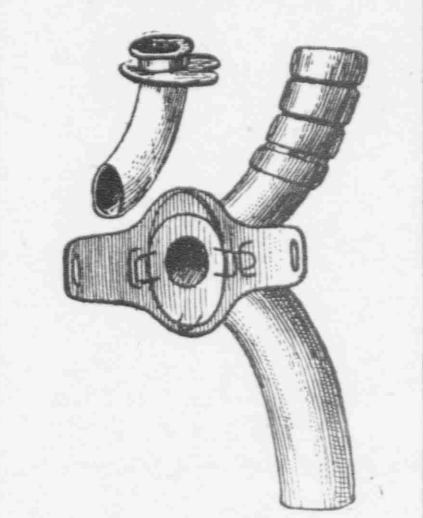
Frenchman Carries a Strange Device in His Throat.

It is Made of Vulcanized Rubber and Virtually Indestructible—Incident Recalls Strange Historical Parallels.

Paris has been much interested recently in a medical subject who was exhibited before the Academy of Medicine as the possessor of an artificial larynx, capable of speaking in monotone and of eating solid food. The apparatus, inserted above the trachea, is of vulcanized rubber, having a rubber diaphragm answering for the glottis, and vibrating in monotone as the patient speaks. A metallic grating prevents the ingress of food into the windpipe and such liquor as is swallowed falls into a funnel and drains to the esophagus.

According to cable dispatches, Great Britain, more than France, should be interested in this special case, with reference to the reported condition of King Edward's throat. Chicago physicians are recalling, in connection with this French case, the death of Emperor Frederick of Germany when an artificial larynx was ready for insertion in his throat, but when the judgment of the German doctor Von Bergmann was overruled by that of English Sir Morrill Mackenzie as to the necessity of the operation.

"Emperor Frederick might have been alive and well to-day had it not been for the influence of Mackenzie," said a well-known physician to a Chicago Tribune reporter. "Doubtless the influence of the English throne was behind the interference, for if it had been known that Frederick had cancer of the throat the daughter of Queen Victoria would never have been queen of Prussia. The influence of Mackenzie, however, staved off the operation just when the time was ripe,



ARTIFICIAL LARYNX.  
(Successfully Worn by a Patient in a French Hospital.)

and the emperor died because of it. Now it looks as if that situation might come home to roost on the English throne."

According to Dr. F. Hollinger, a Chicago authority on throat troubles, however, the whole French sensation is considerably belated and out of date. "The artificial larynx is nothing new," he said, "and in the hands of a surgeon who knows his business little danger or difficulty attends its use. It has been used since 1870 or earlier by Prof. von Bruns and has been much improved. It is an appliance that can be bought in any well-regulated instrument store, but its use is confined to extreme cases only. Tuberculosis or cancer is the disease which makes it seemingly necessary, but even then the use of the artificial larynx is avoided through the great improvement in methods of diagnosis and treatment of cases by way of the mouth."

"Cases where the artificial larynx has been worn for years are not rare. One of the most remarkable on record is the case of a German officer, who wore one for 25 years, in this time giving instruction in horsemanship and yet making his commands understood above the noise of horses' hoofs in the ring."

"In the French case, an improvement seems to have been made in that the patient is able to swallow. But the great disadvantage of all these appliances are the consequences of the pressure they exert on the living tissue, which often lead to sores and scars that make prolonged use a bore and even a danger to the patient."



Kind Lady—Why don't you go to work?

Tramp—I'm trying to get a position now, lady.

Kind Lady—What doing?

Tramp—Lineman for a wireless telegraph company.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## SWEET VOICE WON HIM.

Boston Telephone Girl on Her Way to Denver, Col., to Marry a Man She Never Saw.

Miss Nellie Brown, of Boston, is on her way to Denver, Col., where she is to marry a man she has never seen. Their courtship has been carried on through correspondence, and the only knowledge they have of each other's personal appearance is through photographs. The bride-to-be is a handsome young woman of 23 years. Her betrothed is a prominent business man of Denver.

The story of their acquaintance and subsequent engagement, as told



OVER THE TELEPHONE.

by Miss Brown to a Chicago American correspondent, is romantic.

"I am going to Denver to meet my intended husband," she said. "His name I do not care to tell. Our acquaintance is the result of a conversation over the telephone. It was during the excitement over the assassination of President McKinley that we became acquainted."

"The man was then in Boston on a business trip. I was employed at a telephone central in one of the hotels. He called for a number and in that way we engaged in conversation, which finally resulted in an exchange of names and an introduction through that means. The man promised to write to me, but thinking him to be like many others who joke with the telephone 'central,' I paid no attention to his promise."

"About a week later I received a letter from him and then our correspondence began. We became engaged to be married. Unless something interferes with our plans we shall be married within a week."

In the course of her conversation Miss Brown mentioned that in one of her letters the man claimed to have been captivated by her sweet voice and desired an acquaintance with her. It was this, she says, that won for her a husband. Miss Brown said that she came of a poor family and for the past five years has been earning her own living.

## Some Very Swift Swimmers.

Recent experiments show that the dolphin, when pursued, can go through the water at the rate of about 32 miles an hour. This is great speed, but for a short distance the salmon can do better, since it has frequently been known to swim at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Among the smaller fish it is doubtful if there is one which is more swift than the Spanish mackerel. As a rule, however, all those fish which prey on others are remarkably swift, which is only natural, as, if they lacked speed, they would be unable to hunt successfully for prey and would often be obliged to go hungry.

## Had No Faith in Banks.

Banks were deemed unsafe by Farmer Conrad, of Vestal, N. Y. His savings, amounting to \$600, he carefully sewed in an old coat. Some days later his wife, a very economical lady, sold the coat to a junk dealer for five cents. With other rags, the coat was forwarded to a dealer in worn-out raiment, and by this time coat and money have probably "gone where the woodbine twines."

## Snakes Sent to Patti.

Patti had a terrible shock this week at Paris. Some one sent her from Mentone a box containing three snakes, each about a yard long. She thought she was getting a nice present, and on opening the box and seeing nothing but dry grass, confidently ran her hand to the bottom into a cold, slimy, wriggling mass. She uttered a cry and ran into another room, and was hysterical for two hours. The snakes escaped and crawled about under the furniture until finally they were killed. On examination it was found that they were not poisonous reptiles.

## He Makes the Keys Hum.

The speediest telegrapher in the country is Harry V. Emanuel, of Philadelphia. In a recent test at Atlanta, in the Kimball house, in 30 minutes he received 50½ ten-word messages, breaking the record, which, by the way, he always held—by six messages.

## Bel Told by Electricity.

The poetry of chimes has seen its day. Electricity has displaced the bellringer. Americans who have climbed Montmartre, at Paris, are familiar with the 22-ton bell on the Sacre Couer, known as La Savoyarde. The monster is too heavy to be tolled by human agency, so a couple of electric magnets have been fitted which do the trick with the greatest ease. Henceforth two choir boys, by pressing an electric button, will be able to toll the monster to the discomfort of the irreligious population of the sacred hill.

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### WOMAN FIGHTS SNAKE.

Kills Reptile in Cellar After an Exciting Experience Lasting Nearly a Whole Hour.

A woman fought with a snake in a dark cellar for nearly an hour in Philadelphia. The contest ended with the death of the reptile.

Mrs. George H. Smith, who lives at Jackson and Bridge streets, Frankfort, went into the cellar of her home to get some coal. She was just about to go upstairs when she heard a hissing sound, and, turning in the direction of the noise, saw two eyes gleam



DEFENDED HERSELF NOBLY.

ing in a dark corner. The next instant a snake made for her.

Seizing a broom handle which lay by the stairs, the woman defended herself from the attack of the snake. At the same time she tried to strike the reptile with her club, but the snake was too quick for her.

Finally, after a struggle of nearly an hour, she drove the reptile into a corner and killed it with the club.

The reptile proved to be a water snake about three feet in length. How it got into the cellar is not known.

### Never Heard Lord's Prayer.

If Hetty Williams, of Fort Scott, Kan., could have repeated the Lord's prayer she might have had one year less to serve in prison—but she couldn't. She confessed she never had even heard the prayer. She is a dashing and rather pretty young woman of the frontier who has been convicted of horse stealing. The evidence showed she was a professional. The court, moved by her youth, after having sentenced her to five years in the penitentiary, offered to reduce the term of four years if she would repeat the Lord's prayer as an indication that there was good ground in her heart in which to start a crop of reform. Hetty owned up frankly she didn't know a word of it. She will serve five years.

### The Children of Drunkards.

A noted physician of Paris asserts that it is impossible for an habitual drunkard to have sound children.

### Cost of Coronation Seats.

In connection with the news from London that the price of good windows commanding the coronation procession of Edward VII has gone up to something like \$365, it may be noted that at the coronation of Edward I. the price of a seat was half a farthing; in Edward II.'s time a whole farthing was required; to see Edward III. cost a halfpenny. A good seat for Edward IV.'s procession cost two pence, and for Edward VI. the price was four pence. There is a big jump between VI. and VII.

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### Dull Market for Horses.

A Missouri horse dealer who went to Washington to sell horses is reported to have explained his ill-luck of disposing of his animals as follows: "The people travel these on cars run by cable or electricity and don't need draft or roadsters; they ride on bicycles and automobiles and don't need fast trotters; they gamble by wire and don't need race horses, and the government is run entirely by jackasses, so there you are."